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BEARINGS OF A CRANKSHAFT OF A MULTI-CYLINDER INTERNAL-  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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The relevance of German Patent Document No. DE 696 05 567 and French Patent Document No. FR 979 586 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of

a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.


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